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MDA reclaims land worth Rs. 150 cr. near Ring Road

▶ New layout planned, sites to be auctioned ▶ MDA eyes Rs. 400 crore revenue

Mysuru, June 23 (RK&BCT)- In its first major eviction drive held this morning with Police support, Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) reclaimed a total of 8.28 acres of prime land in Basavanahalli village, adjacent to Outer Ring Road, valued at around Rs. 150 crore. Encroachers were evicted and the unauthorised structures were demolished during the operation.

With the eviction process completed, MDA plans to develop a residential layout on the reclaimed land and auction the sites. This auction is expected to generate a revenue of Rs. 300 crore to Rs. 400 crore, MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshith told *Star of Mysore*.

Ahead of the eviction, MDA Secretary Prasanna Kumar, who is also the Competent Officer for Evictions, issued an official notice to Police personnel and other officials and circulated information about the planned operation to all concerned parties.

The 8.28 acres in question — comprising 4.36 acres in Survey No. 108 and 3.92 acres in Survey No. 109 on either side of the Outer Ring Road — were originally acquired in 1991 by the then Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), now renamed MDA, for developing the Vijayanagar 4th Stage Layout.

Legal tangle

However, the land was embroiled in legal disputes for years. MUDA had issued a preliminary notification on Dec. 23, 1991 and a final notification on Dec. 10, 1992, to acquire the land. A general award was passed on Aug. 6, 1994 and compensation of Rs. 4,55,506 was deposited in the City Civil Court on Mar. 5, 2002.

Despite this, land-owners challenged the acquisition, arguing that the project had not been implemented even after the final notification and as such, the land must be returned to them. They first approached the City Civil Court, which ruled in favour of MDA. The land-owners then filed a writ petition in the High Court seeking de-notification and return of the land.

High Court ruling

Recently, the High Court ruled in favour of MDA, stating that the entire 8.28 acre land belongs to the Authority since compensation had already been paid and the original owners have no claim to reclaim it. However, the Court directed that incentive sites may be given to the original land-owners once the residential layout is formed, but the entire parcel cannot be returned.

Following the High Court order, a MDA Zonal Office-3 report confirmed that two houses had been built on the acquired land and that gravel and timber had been dumped illegally. As these constructions were unauthorised, MDA conducted eviction as per a 2016 Government circular.

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Help for differently-abled: Mysuru family cheated

Kumbarakoppal woman loses Rs. 2.31 lakh; Rs. 38 lakh donor amount swindled

Mysuru, June 23 (SBD&KS)- Cyber criminals, posing as social workers helping differently-abled persons, have cheated a city resident of Rs. 2.31 lakh and further defrauded donors to the tune of Rs. 38 lakh using the bank accounts and documents obtained from her.

The victim has been identified as Meenakshi, a resident of Kumbarakoppal in Mysuru.

According to the Police, Meenakshi came across a *Facebook* advertisement posted by Charles Donne and Deepti Lindarani from New Delhi, claiming to provide financial support for differently-abled individuals. Hoping to secure assistance for her differently-abled mother and brother, Meenakshi clicked on the link provided in the advertisement and contacted the duo.

Monthly aid assured

Charles and Deepti assured Meenakshi that she would receive Rs. 50,000 per month as financial aid but asked her to first pay a registration fee of Rs. 28,000, which she transferred online via UPI.

The fraudsters then continued to demand additional payments. To meet their demands, Meenakshi even pledged her gold ornaments and transferred more money through a jewellery shop owner using UPI, amounting to a total of Rs. 2.31 lakh.

Subsequently, the fraudsters convinced Meenakshi to send the bank passbooks and ATM cards of five family members via speed post. Using these documents, they received donations totalling Rs. 38 lakh from various organisations and donors into the bank accounts of Meenakshi and her family. They then withdrew the funds using the ATM cards without the family's knowledge.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 23rd June 2025

Debate on 'One Nation One Election': Mahajana Law College wins 1st prize

Mysuru, June 23- Mahajana Law College secured first prize in a debate on the topic 'One Nation One Election' conducted by Mahajana Alumni Association for the students of Law Colleges of Mysuru recently.

Vidya Vikas Law College won second prize while Vidya Vardhaka Law College got third prize.

R. Bharath was adjudged as Best Debator for the proposition and C.R. Jeevitha as Best Debator against the proposition. The students of law colleges enthusiastically participated in the contest.

Retired Deputy General Manager of SBI K. Raghu Shetty, Senior Advocate and Retired Officer of SBM S.N. Prakash and young advocate Aditya A.Gummaraju were the juries.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

OUR EGO IS OUR ENEMY: ***There are times when we disagree with or disapprove of the people in our lives for a valid reason. At such times, we tend to argue with, reprimand or punish the wrongdoer as we see fit. We may have moved on after airing our thoughts or opinions on the subject. However, one can never be sure about the response of the person at the receiving end.***

If people are mature, then they will apologise gracefully and mend their ways. However, if they are immature and egoistic they will nurture malice and vengeance.

A story from the Hitopadesha of Narayana Panditha examines such a scenario.

Once a rowdy crow Megha Varna and his flock created ruckus in the kingdom of Karpoora Dweepa ruled by Hiranya Garbha, the swan. The enervated king exiled the malefactor and his followers. Instead of being filled with remorse for his wrong doing, the punished birds plotted against the king and swore to destroy him at any cost.

Now, Megha Varna was aware that he was no match to his enemy. Therefore, he decided to pit another powerful king Chitra Varna, the peacock, to fight Hiranya Garbha. The wily crow engaged the services of Dheerghamukha, a foolish and greedy crane, to sow seeds of discord between the two kings by carrying tales against one another. Over a period of time the two mighty kings were filled with animosity without even knowing each other personally. Eventually, the unreasonable hatred culminated in a gory war when Chitra Varna marched against Karpoora Dweepa and decapitated Hiranya Garbha.

When Chitra Varna entered the fort of Karpoora Dweepa he found it ablaze in the fire started by Megha Varna. The victorious leader inspected the loss of life and property on either side. Further analysis and investigation revealed that the power and ego of the two sovereigns had been manipulated to full-fill the personal agenda of Megha Varna.

Hiranya Garbha was merely safeguarding the interests of his kingdom when he banished the crows from his kingdom. He could have never divined the vicious nature of the anti-social elements who schemed behind iron curtains against his land. Therefore, one cannot really fault him for outlawing Megha Varna. However, the lapse lay in the fact that his inflated ego played into the tall tales of Deerghamukha who said that an unknown rival belittled him!

— S. Radha Prathi in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

This gymnast's stunts are gravity-defying

Moscow: Sergey Boytsov, a Russian athlete, performed several gravity-defying stunts whilst hanging from a hot air balloon. The gymnast claimed that he set a world record. The 30-year-old was seen performing on a horizontal bar, which was suspended from a hot air balloon.

The video has left the internet divided, with some calling it "incredible", and others saying that the stunts are not worth risking one's life as he was not carrying any parachute. The hot air balloon was reportedly 1,500 metres up in the air.

Turning cow dung into amazing craft

Hyderabad: Cow dung, long used as fuel and fertiliser, is now taking the form of beautiful works of art in the hands of a creative young man from Telangana.

Kammari Sivaramakrishna, an agriculture graduate from Kishtapur village in Doma Mandal of Rangareddy district, has been making a wide range of eco-friendly items using cow dung, gaining recognition for his innovation and dedication.

Son of a retired teacher, Brahmayya, Sivaramakrishna as a young student, he was drawn to experimenting with cow dung, and over time, his interest turned into a unique venture.

Starting with a Ganesha idol, Sivaramakrishna expanded his craft to include idols of various deities, animals, clocks, keychains, lamps, flower pots, flags, photo frames, herbal mats, and hangers.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Neck Pain + Numbness = Spinal Concern

Neck pain with tingling or weakness in the arms could be a spinal nerve issue. Early intervention prevents long-term damage.

By Dr. Maqsood Ahmed A. R. - Senior Consultant – Neurosurgery, Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Sandal Urus-Salmaniya in city tomorrow

Mysuru, June 23 (KS) - The office-bearers of Astanna-e-Salmaniya Dargha Committee at Bada Makan, near Tipu Circle, have organised the 21st Sandal Urus Shariff of Sufi Saint Hazarath Moulana Hafiz Qari Sufi Al-Sha Mohd. Salman Saheb Misbahi Chishti-ul-Khadree, Founder of Darul Uloom Azeezia at Mamballi in Yalandur Taluk at 5 pm tomorrow (June 24) at Azeezia Office on K.R. Park Road in Lashkar Mohalla here.

Verses from the Holy Quran will be read followed by Mehfil Zikro Azkar Majlees, Fatha Khawni, Darud Salam and emotional Duwa. After Maghrib prayers, a procession will be taken out along with Ulmas, Fukras, Jamath, Darvesh, Sufizam and students and staff of Darul Uloom Azeezia Arabic College, Mamballi to reach Astane Salmaniya (Shrine), where Fatha Khawni, Darud Salam, emotional Duwa will be performed.

Mass feeding has been arranged for the participants. From 8 pm to 10 pm, Azmath-e-Aowliya lecture programme will be held under the Chairmanship of Sir Qazi of Mysuru Hazarath Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff. Hazarath Moulana Alhaj Mohammed Asgar Ali, Khateeb-o-Imam of Jamiya Masjid in Ramanagar, will be the main speaker.

For details, contact Mob: 96201-53213, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **120.20 feet**	Today's level **2,277.75 feet**	Today's level **2,851.68 feet**
Last year's level **87.62 feet**	Last year's level **2,264.20 feet**	Last year's level **2,828.88 feet**
Yesterday's level **119.40 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,277.72 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,850.81 feet**
Today's Inflow **13,856 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **10,316 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **5,266 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **1,965 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **10,000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **3,000 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Lemons generally float in water, while limes tend to sink. This difference in buoyancy is due to their differing densities. Lemons are slightly less dense than water, while limes are slightly more dense, causing them to float and sink, respectively.*

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1 US Dollar	= Rs. 86.84
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 116.54
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.64
1 Euro	= Rs. 99.90

VOICE OF THE READER

Apathy towards repairing overflowing manhole

Sir,

I am writing to draw the attention of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities to repair the overflowing manhole in front of Sri Vasavi Seva Trust, Link Main Road (M.S. Gurupadaswamy Road), Vishweshwaranagar, Mysuru. There has been a continuous overflow of sewage water since December 2024 which is causing nuisance and unhygienic conditions to the nearby residents, school children, commuters and pedestrians using this main road.

Several complaints to MCC over the phone (Mob: 94498-41195, 94498-41196) and messages in December 2024 and April 2025 have been ignored by the concerned, and no action has been taken so far.

I once again strongly urge the authorities to act immediately to prevent further inconvenience and protect the health and well-being of the tax-paying residents.

—Dr. M.S. Ganesh Prasad
Mysuru
2.6.2025

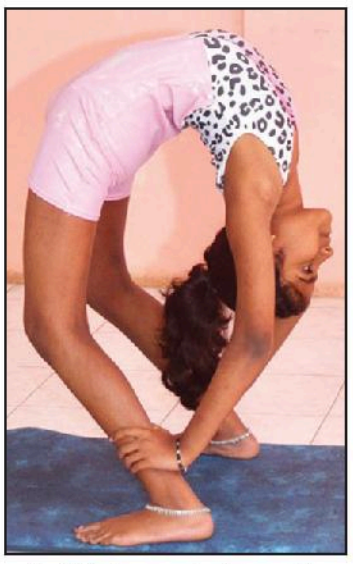
Kodagu girl performs 'Dimbasana' for Guinness World Record

Sinchana

Madikeri, June 23 (VNS)- Kodagu girl B.K. Sinchana, a student of BGS Public School in Madenadu here, has made an attempt to enter Guinness Book of World Records for standing in 'Dimbasana' pose for 30 minutes and 5 seconds overcoming the previous record of 30 minutes and 3 seconds set by 32-year-old Stefanie Millinger of Austria.

In an event jointly organised by Kodagu Journalists Association and Rotary Misty Hills Madikeri, Sinchana successfully attempted to enter the record books. The official Guinness record will, however, be confirmed later. Following her feat, she was felicitated and presented with an appreciation certificate.

Speaking on the occasion, Yoga Guru K.K. Mahesh Kumar



said, "Dimbasana is the continuation of Chakrasana which helps in keeping the mind at peace and also strengthening the back, waist, legs and heel."

Retired Principal B.R. Joyappa hailed Sinchana's achievement and also her parents for their continuous support. He also rendered a special poem in honour of Sinchana. Subbraya Sampaje, Akashvani announcer (retd.), composed a song for the poem on the spot.

Renuka, Sinchana's mother, said yoga should not be restricted only for performance but should be a part of daily routine and thanked the Journalists Association and Rotary Club for organising the event.

Journalists Association President H.T. Anil said "Sinchana has achieved success because of her grit and talent. Sinchana's parents Renuka and Keerthi Kumar have to be credited for identifying her talent and encouraging her to create a world record."

Yoga enthusiast Rajesh Gupta, Wanderers Club's Babu Somaiah, Rotary Misty Hills Director M. Dhananjay, G.R. Ravishankar, Vijayalakshmi, Chethan, Journalists Welfare Trust President G.V. Ravikumar, Secretary Arun Coorg, Treasurer T.K. Santosh and others were present.

Yoga for good health

Mysuru, June 23 (BLU&BS)- Yoga enthusiast Shashirekha said 'Yoga is considered as a brahmastra to face the ill effects of modern technology that pose a threat to the health of mortals.'

She was addressing the gathering after inaugurating International Day of Yoga-2025, organised at Nypunya School of Excellence, Kanakadasa Nagar in the city recently.

"People irrespective of age have been embracing Yoga, which is termed as 'Rama Baana' to maintain a better health. If one imbibes Yoga in their life, they can maintain physical and mental health condition, contributing towards building a healthy society," observed Shashirekha.

Yoga transcends boundary reaching every corner of the world, as the mankind has understood the significance of yoga in getting rid of any ailment. Hence most of the countries in the world consider yoga as an integral part of their life. Most importantly, India is the birth place of Yoga and Meditation, added Shashirekha.

Chairman of Nypunya School of Excellence R. Raghu, Principal M.N. Mahendra, Vice-Principal Sheena K. Gurnani and others took part in the Yoga Day programme with students.

DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL: The International Day of Yoga was celebrated at DAV Public School also emphasising the day's theme 'Yoga For One Earth, One Health.' The event saw enthusiastic students actively perform yoga asanas and breathing exercises. The benefits of yoga, including stress relief, improved concentration and enhanced flexibility were highlighted throughout the sessions. The event aimed to promote yoga as a holistic practice for physical and mental health.

Yoga Day at educational institutions

Mysore College of Engineering and Management (MyCEM), T. Narasipur Road, celebrated International Day of Yoga with yoga sessions, promoting physical and mental well-being among staff.

Mysuru, June 23- Seshadripuram Degree College, Hebbal, Mysuru, in collaboration with the IQAC, NSS, NCC, YRC, Gandhi Study Centre, Chethana - Alumni Association, AICTE, Yoga Sangama and the Department of Physical Education and Sports, had organised a Yoga Session on the theme 'One Earth, One Health' at the College Seminar Hall, to celebrate International Day of Yoga on June 21.

The programme was inaugurated with a symbolic gesture of watering a plant.

The chief guest of the event was Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar, Karnataka Rajyotsava Awardee and renowned Yoga Guru. Under his expert guidance, the yoga session was conducted.

Around 100 participants, including NSS and NCC volunteers, actively took part in the session.

The event was attended by Dr. K. Sowmya Erappa, Principal; Ananth Raju from Vikram Weekly Newspaper; P.R. Gurumurthy Bhat, NSS Programme Officer; Lt. R. Kumar, NCC Officer; R. Vinay, YRC Coordinator; R. Nagendra, Physical Education Director and R.C. Krupaliny, Convener of the Gandhi Study Centre.

NEWS BRIEFS

Ashada Fridays: Use of plastics banned

In a move aimed at discouraging use of plastics and to keep the environment clean, Sri Chamundeshwari Kshetra Development Authority has banned use of plastics by devotees atop Chamundi Hill on all the Four Ashada Fridays (June 27, July 4, July 11 and July 18) and on July 17 during Sri Chamundeshwari Vardhanti celebrations, according to a press release.

Loans under various schemes

The Karnataka Arya Vysya Development Corporation has invited applications from eligible Arya Vysya community members for availing Self-Employment Direct Loan, loans under Aahara Vahini Scheme (food trucks), Vasavi Jal Shakti Scheme and for educational purposes. For details, call Ph: 0821-2341194 or Mob: 94484-51111.

Deadline for e-KYC registration

The District Administration has extended the deadline for e-KYC (Know Your Customer) registration of all family members of Ration Card holders to June 30. In a press release, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy said that out of the 23,00,380 family members of Mysuru district mentioned in Ration Cards, the e-KYC (Aadhar-based thumb finger print authentication) registration of as many as 47,334 members has remained pending. As such, the unregistered members should visit their nearest Fair Price Shop and get e-KYC registration done before June 30, which is the last chance for doing it.

Free Nursery Teacher Training

Siddartha Gurukula in Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, will be conducting a free Nursery Teacher Training (NTT) at its premises for widows/ wives of soldiers and partially physically disabled women candidates. Interested eligible candidates, who are aged between 18 and 45 years and belong to SC/ST community, may contact Trustee Bharati on Mob: 90368-22577, according to a press release.

Nominated

The Karnataka State Minorities Commission has nominated **Mohammed Siftain** as the Non-Officio Member of the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme's District-level Implementation Committee.

219 Pourakarmikas get letters of appointment, services regularised

Social Welfare and Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and Narasimharaja (NR) MLA Tanveer Sait handed over the appointment letters to Pourakarmikas of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) at KSOU Convocation Hall in city on Friday as DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, former Mayor Narayan and others look on.

Mysuru, June 23 (MK&BS)- In a significant step towards securing the welfare of sanitation workers, appointment letters regularising the services of 219 Pourakarmikas of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) were distributed on Friday by the District Administration and MCC at the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Convocation Hall.

Social Welfare and Mysuru District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa handed over the letters in the presence of Narasimharaja (NR) MLA Tanveer Sait, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif and Pourakarmika leaders, including former Mayor Narayan, G. Mara, Shivanna and Srinivas.

Speaking after distributing the appointment letters and Health Cards, Dr. Mahadevappa said that every year during Dasara, Pourakarmikas staged protests demanding regularisation of their jobs but were forced to resume work without concrete results.

"The credit for Mysuru being recognised as a 'Clean City' goes entirely to Pourakarmikas. Karnataka is the first State in the country to regularise the services of Pourakarmikas. Of the total 32,000 Pourakarmikas in the State, most have now been made permanent employees with Government benefits. About 10,000 are yet to be covered," he said.

Dr. Mahadevappa noted that the move ends decades of exploitation under contractors, who pocketed large portions of workers' wages. He recalled that Pourakarmikas have been fighting to end the contract system since 1994.

"In addition to 32,000 Pourakarmikas, there are 8,000 Safai Karmacharis who have consistently demanded that wages be paid directly by cheque to eliminate middlemen," he added.

With their jobs now regularised, Pourakarmikas will receive health insurance coverage of Rs. 2.5 lakh, accident insurance of Rs. 10 lakh and housing benefits. A total of 150 housing units are being constructed at a cost of Rs. 28 crore, with each unit costing Rs. 21 lakh.

NR MLA Tanveer Sait congratulated the Pourakarmikas for their relentless efforts to secure this victory and highlighted that thousands of sanitation workers across India still work under the contract system.

Former Mayor Narayan urged the workers to make good use of their newly gained benefits as Government employees and to secure better futures for their children.

Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank presents Pratibha Puraskar

Mysuru, June 23 (SPN&TRR)- City-based Mysore Merchants Cooperative Bank had organised a Pratibha Puraskar function for the children of its members who had scored high marks in SSLC and PUC examinations.

The function was held at a private hotel in city on Saturday where more than 46 students were felicitated.

Speaking after presenting the Pratibha Puraskar award to students, former Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore (UoM) and renowned scientist, Prof. K.S. Rangappa said that Engineers, Doctors and Scientists are working tirelessly towards building a strong India. "More than the Governments, private organisations are encouraging talented students and doing pro-society works. Talented students must make good use of this encouragement and engage themselves in nation building activities in sectors of their choice," he added.

Stating that recognising talents in children encourages them to pursue higher studies and will enable the next generation of Engineers, Doctors and Scientists to contribute for the development of the society, he advised youths to have a foresight in this regard. "If you fail once in reaching your goal, don't get disheartened. Overcome your obstacles with perseverance and hardwork to realise your ambition," concluded Prof. Rangappa.

Keerthana R. Nayak, Y. Dayashankar, M.N. Arjit, J. Chaya, Dhruvi P. Kumar, Bhaktishri A. Jain, M. Varsha, Neha Umesh, Prahas Balaji, P. Chetana, Sanjiti Tejaswi, C. Varshini, M. Aryan, M. Anagaswamy, A.S. Akash, M. Chiranth Gowda, Sanvi Swaroop, R.S. Bipin, N. Aditi, S. Dhanush, Srishanth Vikram were felicitated for scoring high marks in SSLC examinations.

S. Pranav, Yathish Gautham Pathange, T.V. Himanth, R. Varsha, R.S. Vachana, A. Arpita Gowda, M. Arjuna Gowda, S. Nityashree, M. Manasa, Riya Kumar, Keerthi Ganesh, M. Vaishak, R. Bhuvana, Mohith V. Gowda, M. Shivani, Shreya S. Math, C.S. Yeshaswini. B. Spoorthi, N. Thanmayi and N.K. Mohith Gowd were felicitated for scoring high marks in PUC exams.

Sportspersons A. Bhuvana and Vihan K. Shetty were also felicitated at the function.

Mysore Merchants Cooperative Bank President C.V. Somashekar, Vice-President M.N. Mahesh, Directors B.R. Nandish, Premkumar, Kodandarama, R. Anand, R.P. Krishnamurthy, Kannan, Raghav, C.S. Gangambika, Anuradha, Vijayalakshmi, Rachapaji, Sudha, Prabhu Prasad, M.S. Bhavya, Geetha Vikram and others were present.

Gaganachukki comes to life as monsoon swells Cauvery

By M.K. Mohan Raj

Mandya, June 23- With the onset of heavy monsoon rains across the Cauvery River Basin, the famed Gaganachukki waterfalls near Shivanasamudra (Bluff) in Malavalli taluk is flowing down in a spectacular display, resembling a cascading stream of milk.

The breathtaking sound of the falls, draped in mist and surrounded by lush greenery, is drawing thousands of tourists eager to witness nature's grandeur at its best.

Consistent and widespread rainfall in the Cauvery catchment has pushed the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) and Kabini reservoirs to their full capacity. This surge has strengthened the flow of the Cauvery River, transforming Gaganachukki into a magnificent spectacle far earlier than usual. Traditionally, in peak flow by August, this year's early and abundant monsoon has the waterfall gushing by the end of June itself.

A short distance away, the Bharachukki waterfall in Kollegala taluk of Chamarajanagar district is also in full spate. Over the weekend, thousands of visitors thronged both sites to revel in the thunderous twin cascades.

Though Gaganachukki and Bharachukki fall under different districts — Malavalli taluk in Mandya and Kollegal taluk in Chamarajanagar — they lie just about 2 kilometres apart, offering visitors a double treat near the taluk borders.

How to get there

Tourists heading from Mysuru can reach the waterfalls via Bannur Road and Kirugavalu, proceeding to Malavalli town and then taking Kollegal Road.

Travellers from Bengaluru have multiple options: they may take the Kanakapura-Halagur-Malavalli route, or travel on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway, turning off at Maddur via K.M. Doddi and Malavalli to reach the falls.

From Talacauvery to Mettur

The mighty Cauvery originates at Talacauvery in Kodagu district. Heavy monsoon showers in Kodagu feed the KRS Reservoir, which now stands at 120.20 feet — just 4.60 feet shy of its maximum level of 124.80 feet.

Once the Dam brims, its waters flow downstream through landmarks such as Srirangapatna's historic Wellesley Bridge, Balamuri, Sangam and Mahadevapura, nourishing Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts before plunging into Gaganachukki.

From there, the river winds past Muthathi, rushes through Mekedatu in Ramanagara and surges onward through Hoganekal before reaching the Mettur Reservoir in Tamil Nadu.

The Cauvery traverses roughly 416 kilometres through Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry, ultimately emptying into the Arabian Sea. Tamil Nadu farmers traditionally welcome its arrival at Mettur with prayers of gratitude.

Boost to tourism

To further enhance visitors' experience at Gaganachukki, a new stairway is being constructed, offering safe, closer views of the roaring falls. Meanwhile, the Mandya District Administration is gearing up for a possible Jalapathotsava (waterfall festival), anticipating large crowds eager to soak in the monsoon marvel.

Mandya MLA P.M. Narendraswamy confirmed the plans: "There is a strong likelihood that a grand Jalapathotsava will soon be organised near the falls. I will discuss this with the Government to attract more tourists and expedite tourism development in this region."

Water scarcity

The surging flow has also renewed hope among farmers in Malavalli taluk's tail-end areas. Many have faced water scarcity in recent years, but with the KRS nearly full, optimism runs high that their fields will finally receive ample water.

"For the past two years, tail-end farmers here haven't received adequate water. This year, we earnestly hope the flow reaches the tail-end too, enabling a good harvest," said Dr. K. Annadani, former MLA.

Elsewhere along the river's course, the Sangam and Balmuri spots in Srirangapatna are witnessing lively tourist footfall as the Cauvery swells. The scenic overflow at Kerethonnur in Pandavapura and the revered pilgrimage site of Muthathi near Halagur are also pulling in visitors, all drawn to the river's resplendent monsoon avatar.

With the KRS dam on the verge of reaching full capacity, Gaganachukki and Bharachukki's cascading flow stands as a testament to the monsoon's bounty, promising prosperity for farmers and unforgettable moments for tourists alike.

NGT releases Rs. 75.40 cr. under Environment Relief Fund to city

Mysuru, June 23 (MK&BS)- To build an effective network for adequate maintenance of sewage water in the city, National Green Tribunal (NGT) has sanctioned Rs. 75.40 crore under Environment Relief Fund.

It is billed as a significant project that aims at the upgradation of Underground Drainage (UGD) pipeline, store sewage water in treatment plants and use the same water to collectively check the complaints related to sewage water and reuse the water for better purposes.

The National Green Tribunal has already released the funds to Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation (KUIDFC). The works will be launched after obtaining a proposal from Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) on the upgradation of UGD network. The MCC is ready with the plan and the works are expected to be launched soon, it is said.

The Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at Vidyaranyapuram in the city has a capacity to store 67.5 MLD of sewage water, Rayanakere STP - 60 MLD, Kesare STP - 45 MLD and Hebbal STP - 8 MLD totalling 180.5 MLD of sewage water. The works planned is expected to augment the storage capacity of sewage water in a systematic manner.

> Apart from Mysuru city, two taluks in the district including a City Municipal Council (CMC) have been provided Environment Relief Fund by National Green Tribunal (NGT). Hootagalli CMC has been sanctioned Rs. 57.69 crore, K.R. Nagar Town Municipal Council (TMC) - Rs. 26.48 crore and T. Narasipur TMC - Rs. 13.08 crore.

The outfall of most of the UGD network in the city is linked to storm water drains, with some of them damaged at places, leading to mixing of sewage water with drain water. The stagnation of sewage water at places is resulting in deposition of silt. On the flip side, the storm water that reaches the river is found unfit for consumption even after processing the same.

To reduce the gap between the flow of sewage water and treatment plant, NGT under Environment Relief Fund is providing funds for building a UGD network, upgradation and repair of sewage treatment plants. These works are expected to boost the prospects of reusing the water and address the issues related to the UGD pipeline, said an engineer of Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW).

A proposal has been drafted for the upgradation of 10 UGD lines in the city and once the plans are approved, the works will be taken up. Mysuru is sure to benefit largely from this project that also helps in addressing unhygienic condition to an extent, the VVWW engineer added.

Yoga represents our culture: RGUHS VC Dr. Bhagavan

Mysuru, June 23 (GA&DM)- Stating that yoga is not only a physical exercise but also represents our culture, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) Vice-Chancellor Prof. B.C. Bhagavan said that everyday yoga is a narrative of the significance of our health.

He was speaking after inaugurating the Second State-level Yoga Sammelana hosted by Karnataka Yoga Shikshakara Okkuta as part of International Day of Yoga at Kalamandira yesterday.

Dr. Bhagavan maintained that yoga, apart from being a physical exercise, is also a science that helps in maintaining individual health and the society's health. Bemoaning that yoga, though with a history of over a thousand years behind it, failed to get importance because of lack of awareness, he said that the British who ruled the country, failed to establish here firmly.

Expressing disappointment over the present generation's increasing attraction towards western culture, Dr. Bhagavan stressed on the need for cautioning our youth against failing to learn about our culture, traditions and literature.

Sammelana Chairman Prof. Ramachandra G. Bhat said that the world badly needs peace and co-ordination today and the International Day of Yoga sends this message of peace.

Vidya Vikas Educational Institutions Secretary and BJP leader Kaveesh V. Gowda released 'Yoga Siri' souvenir while Yoga Guru Bharath Shetty released the revised edition of the book 'Yogiraja Tirumalai Krishnamacharya.'

'Yoga Ratnakara' award was presented to BNS Iyengar and other yoga achievers.

The event also featured a yoga performance by students of Bharathi Yogadhama and an expo of articles and photos that appeared in newspapers on yoga by Kalihundi Shivakumar.

Former Sammelana Chairman K.L. Shankarnarayan Jois handed over the flag to Sammelana Chairman Prof. Ramachandra G. Bhat, also the President of Bengaluru's Veda Vijnana Gurukulam, who was brought in a procession from the Old DC Office to the venue accompanied by a host of cultural troupes.

MLAs T.S. Srivatsa and Darshan Dhruvanarayan, Yoga Sammelana Samiti Working President Dr. S.P. Yoganna, Convenor N. Ananthu, Vice-President B.P. Murthy, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, District AYUSH Officer Dr. Renukadevi, Sridhar Dikshit, Narayan Hegde, K. Leela Prakash and others were present.

Natl. Pharmacy Conference held

Mysuru, June 23 (GA&BS)- Chairman of Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA), Karnataka Chapter, Dr. Khalid Ahmed Khan inaugurated the National Conference on 'Enhancing Pharmaceutical Quality Assurance Through GMP and Session on RPTUAS' organised by IPA, Mysuru Chapter in association with PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), Health Committee, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers and JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS-AHER) at JSS College of Pharmacy, Bannimantap in city recently.

The deadline has been extended till December 2025 to incorporate revised quality schedule for the Micro, Small and Medium Pharmaceutical companies with an annual turnover of Rs. 250 crore and below to implement **Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)** while those companies with a turnover of Rs. 250 crore and above and the new entities should adopt the revised schedule immediately. The guidelines are in compliance with the criterion of World Health Organisation (WHO) and international level. The motive behind this move is to maintain quality and lay stress on the strong pharmacy system, added Dr. Khalid Ahmed Khan.

Vice-Chancellor of JSS AHER Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa lauded the Department of Pharmaceuticals for starting **Revamped Pharmaceuticals Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme (RPTUAS).** The industries should consider GMP as a fundamental responsibility rather than a controlling mechanism.

Former Drug Controller Dr. Amaresh Tumbagi explained about how the process of inspection and controlling have developed under revised timeline.

Principal of JSS Pharmacy College Dr. T.M. Pramod Kumar, Joint Secretary of PHDCCI Jatin Nagpal, Founder of RC2 Pharma Solutions Mysuru, Dr. H.V. Raghunandan, Under Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Dharmendra Kumar Yadav, IPA, Mysuru Secretary Dr. R.S. Savitha and over 100 participants including IPA members, students and entrepreneurs were present.

Inauguration of Arjuna Memorial postponed

Mysuru, June 23 (MTY& BCT)- Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre, who was scheduled to inaugurate the Memorial for Dasara elephant Arjuna at the Balle Elephant Camp in H.D. Kote taluk — located within the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve — has suddenly rescheduled the programme.

"Due to unforeseen circumstances, the inauguration of the Dasara Elephant Arjuna Memorial, which was scheduled to take place today at D.B. Kuppe, has been postponed to June 27," stated an official communication to the media.

According to reports, the Minister had travelled as far as Srirangapatna this morning but had to return to Bengaluru urgently due to an emergency.

CESC public grievances meet tomorrow

Mysuru, June 23 - Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be holding its 1st quarterly public grievances meet under the Chairmanship of Executive Engineers at Nanjangud taluk 1 and 2, Sub-Divisional Offices on June 24:

Sub-Divisional Office-1 at 11 am: Nanjangud Town, Tandavapura, K.S. Hundi, Hulimavu, Hadinaru, Hosakote, Beligere, Tumnerale, Maralur, Suttur, Nagarle, Horalawadi, Kodlapura, Devarasanahalli, Kalale, Sindhuvalli, Kasuvinahalli, Deviramman-ahalli, Naviluru and Debur power consumers may attend and air their grievances.

Sub-Divisional Office-2 at 1 pm: Badanavalu, Devanur, Doddakavalande, Hedatale, Hemmaragala, Konanur, Nerale, Heggadahalli, Shiramalli, Haginavalu, Hullahalli, Rampura, Kurihundi, Nellitalapura, Haradanahalli, Duggalli, Hura, Hallare, Hadya, Hediyala, Devarayashettypura, Dasanur, Karya, Mallupura, Tagadur and Tayur power consumers may attend the meeting to air their grievances.

Majlees-e-Zikra Shadath-e-Hussain celebrations from June 26 to July 6

Mysuru, June 23 (KS) - Majlees-e-Zikra Shadath-e-Hussain celebrations will be held as part of Islamic Hijiri 1447 month with Moharam likely to begin from June 26 up to July 6 following which lecture programmes have been organised in city Masjids and Madaris, which are as follows:

Daily after Namaz-e-Fajr Salath (Dawn Prayer): Madeena Masjid at Muslim Block in Kyathamaranahalli; Masjid Raza at Ghousianagar; Masjid Rehamathiya at NGO Kareem Block in Shanthinagar; Mehamoodiya Masjid at Shanthinagar; Masjid Mushayiqin (Char Chowkey), near Shabnam Function Hall at Rajivnagar; Masjid-Ya-Rasool Allaha at Rajivnagar 1st Stage and others.

Daily after Namaz-e-Maghrib Salath (Dusk Prayer): Masjid Azam Markaz Ahle Sunnath-wal-Jamath on Ashoka Road; Masjid Eidgah on Mission Hospital Road; Masjid Dargahi on Sawday Road; Masjid Aqsa, near Fountain Circle; Masjid Kubra-o-Husnain at B.M. Sri Nagar; Masjid Hazarath Ameer Hamza at Shanthinagar; Masjid Halie Meamoon Jamath on Vinoba Road in Shivarampet; Masjid Jyothi Nagar; Masjid Moula Ali at Ghousianagar; Masjid Rehamaniya, near Silk Factory in Mysuru South; Masjid Moula Hussain at Sathyanagar; Masjid Bismilla at Bharath Nagar; Masjid Munawara at R.S. Naidu Nagar; Masjid Zeenath-ul-Masajid Nawab Sab on Chamaraja Double Road; Masjid-o-Madrasa Madeenath Ul Munawara at N.R. Garden in R.S. Naidu Nagar; Masjid Shaik Abdul Khadar Jeelani at Srinagar; Masjid Khair-ul-Wara in Rajivnagar 2nd Stage; Jamiyathul Madeena Faizan Hazarath Imam Sha Wali at B.T. Mill Layout on C.V. Road; Masjid Sardar Khan at Ganjam in Srirangapatna; Masjid Khatoon & Jainath at Belavatha Grama, Kesare; Masjid Hazarath Khwaja Garibun Nawaz at Nehru Nagar; Madries Faiz-ul-Quran at Sunni Chowk; Masjid Aala Hazarath at Rajivnagar; Nazar Abad Masjid Khadriya at Nanjumalige; Masjid Gulnaz Ansari at Shanthinagar; Masjid Zubaida at Tanveer Sait Nagar and others.

Daily after Namaz-e-Isha Salath (Night Prayer): Darul Uloom Raza Mustafa at Shanthinagar; Masjid Syed Ahmed at S.A. Layout in Rajivnagar; Masjid-Ya-Rub at Kalyanagiri; Masjid Noor at Ghousianagar; Jamiya Masjid on Irwin Road; Jamiya Tippu Masjid Aala at Srirangapatna; Jamiya Masjid Darul Uloom Azeezia at Mamballi in Yalandur Taluk and others.

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Communalism curbing people's movement: Dinesh Amin Mattu

Senior Journalist R.P. Venkatesh Murthy (third from right) releasing Krishna Janamana's edited work 'Rajakaranadalli Nytikate' at Karanth Rangachavadi in Rangayana yesterday as Desiranga Secretary Dr. B.S. Dinamani, Krishna Janamana, former Rangayana Director Prasanna, Senior Journalist Dinesh Amin Mattu and critic N. Diwakar look on.

Mysuru, June 23 (BLU&DM)- Senior journalist Dinesh Amin Mattu claimed that the country has been under an undeclared emergency for the past 11 years, and people are being 'slowly poisoned', and there is an urgent need for a strong people's movement to counter this.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'Prof. K. Ramdas Nenapinali,' a commemorative programme in memory of the city-based activist late Prof. K. Ramdas, organised by Desiranga Samskrutika Trust at Karanth Rangachavadi in the Rangayana premises yesterday.

Observing that communalism is obstructing people's movements, Mattu noted that involving the educated sections in such struggles has become increasingly challenging.

Pointing out that thinkers and writers such as Prof. K. Ramdas, P. Lankesh, Devanur Mahadeva, and K.P. Poornachandra Tejaswi had forewarned about communalism engulfing the country, Mattu said that today, communalism has taken over the country swiftly, weakening farmers', linguistic, Dalit, progressive and similar movements. He lamented that the Land Reforms Act has been reduced to a skeleton through repeated amendments.

"There is hardly any point in continuing reservation movements when government jobs make up just 2 percent of employment today. People must remember that the primary aim of the reservation was to eradicate casteism. Ironically, many who benefit from the reservation are now opposing it," he remarked, adding that bringing about political change through elections has become all the more difficult.

Expressing concern that those charged by the Police easily secure bail, he also questioned the growing doubts over the credibility of the judiciary. He further lamented that coverage of social justice issues is shrinking in newspapers, with most important reports now limited to less than 250 words.

Senior theatre personality Prasanna and critic N. Diwakar also spoke on the occasion. Senior journalist R.P. Venkatesh Murthy released theatre personality Krishna Janamana's edited work 'Rajakaranadalli Nytikate' (Morality in Politics), while writer Rudrappa Anagawadi presented the 'Lekhana' award.

Desiranga Trust Secretary Dr. B.S. Dinamani, Krishna Janamana and others were present.

Activists E. Dhananjaya Yeliyur, Shivu Hosahalli, Baburaj, Stanley, Ugranarasimhegowda, and others participated in an interaction on the life and movements of Prof.Ramdas.

People rush to get a glimpse of 'Thalaivaa'

Mysuru, June 23 (VNS)- People living in and around Bilikere thronged the shooting spot of Jailer-2 movie to get a glimpse of their favourite Tamil Super Star Rajinikanth, who is fondly called as 'Thalaivaa' by his fans.

From the past three days, the film crew shot on tank bund, brick factory near Hullenahalli and Basaveshwara Temple. Following this, entry has been banned near the lake. People assembled in large numbers to watch Rajinikanth, who arrived amidst tight security to shooting spot. On his arrival, the actor greeted his fans waving his hands and with a *namaskara.* It may be recalled that thespian Dr. Rajkumar-starrer movie *Kamana Billu* was shot at the same spot.

MDA reclaims land

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Today's eviction drive was carried out between 6 am and 10.30 am with Police protection, using three earth movers, three tractors and over 20 MDA staff. As they were aware of the impending eviction, the land-owners had gathered over 15 elderly men and women on the site in an attempt to stall the operation on humanitarian grounds.

Over 50 women Police personnel were deployed, who convinced the occupants to vacate peacefully after a brief verbal confrontation where the land-owners pleaded for more time, but the MDA officials stood firm.

MDA Commissioner Rakshith told *SOM*, "We have acted strictly in accordance with the High Court's directions. Fencing will begin immediately and tenders will soon be called for developing this prime land into a residential layout. Once ready, the sites will be auctioned and we expect to generate revenue between Rs. 300 crore and Rs. 400 crore for MDA."

The eviction operation was overseen by MDA Superintending Engineer (SE) Muralidhar, Executive Engineers (EEs) Mahesh and Nagesh, Assistant Executive Engineers (AEEs) Mohan, Sunitha and Sampath, DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraju, Vijayanagar Inspector S.D. Suresh Kumar and the supporting staff.

Mysuru family cheated

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A few days later, Bengaluru Cyber Police visited Meenakshi's house and informed her that multiple illegal financial transactions had taken place from her and her family's bank accounts.

Shocked by this revelation, Meenakshi and her family provided all necessary information to the Cyber Police.

Following a Court directive, the city's CEN (Cyber Crime, Economic Offences & Narcotics) Crime Police have registered a case and taken up investigation.

Truck and mini bus collision leaves 22 injured on Hunsur-Madikeri Highway

Hunsur, June 23 (KS)- As many as 22 persons sustained injuries when a mini bus carry people to an engagement ceremony toppled after it was hit by a truck on Kalbetta on Hunsur-Madikeri Highway yesterday. A car, which was proceeding behind the truck was also damaged. Five were seriously injured and 17 people sustained minor injuries.

Those injured are driver Manju, Umesh, Gayathri, Raghavendra Swamy, Tejaswini Uttam, Shashikumar, six-year-old Bhavan, Ranjitha, Roopa, Jyothi, Harshitha, Sinchana, Rashmi, Chirag, Prashanth, Nischala, Rashmi, Priya and Yashodha of Mysuru and Bhuvaneshwari of Hunsur and Chandan of Kadakola. Five injured persons have been admitted to a private hospital in Hunsur. Those who had sustained minor injured availed treatment at another private hospital as out-patients.

A total of 25 people were travelling in the mini bus to Madikeri to finalise the wedding when the truck bearing Haryana registration, which came from Virajpet Road side rammed into the mini bus which was proceeding from Hunsur side near Kalbetta Junction resulting in the mini bus getting toppled.

Meanwhile, a car which was proceeding from Periyapatna side hit the truck resulting in the front portion of the car getting completely damaged. As the air bags in the car opened instantly, the occupants of the car escaped miraculously.

Car driver Udayashankar, a native of Sullia in Dakshina Kannada district, has lodged a complaint at Hunsur Rural Police Station.

Online fraud: City resident cheated of Rs. 26 lakh

Mysuru, June 23 (SBD&KS)- Online fraudsters, who had created a fake trading company in the name of a reputed Bank, have cheated a city resident of Rs. 26 lakh.

The victim, a 42-year-old resident of Vishweshwaranagar while browsing through his Instagram account, came across an advertisement related to online trading and clicked on the website link provided in the advertisement, following which his mobile phone number was added to a WhatsApp group immediately. He was then provided information about Block Investment IPO and was asked to create an account.

The fraudsters, who lured the man into investing more money to get huge profit, got the man invest a total of Rs. 26.95 lakh in phases. Later, the man sensing something fishy, called the Bank, in the name of which the fraudsters had opened the company, only to learn that the company was fake and then lodged a complaint at city's CEN Police Station.

Obituary

Uma Shivaraj

Mysuru, June 23 - Uma Shivaraj (65), a resident of Vinayaka Layout at Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 2nd Phase, passed away in the wee hours of today in city.

She leaves behind one daughter, son-in-law, one son, daughter-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this afternoon, according to family sources.

C. Padma

C. Padma (71), wife of retired Dy.SP late M. Nanjegowda and a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind daughter Savitha and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

K.S. Shashidhar

K.S. Shashidhar (57), Development Officer at Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), Vijayanagar Branch, passed away following a heart attack yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Vidyaranyapuram Burial Grounds this afternoon, according to family sources.

'Dhwani Kotta Dhani' Awards presented

Devaraj Urs was responsible for many micro community leaders to enter Vidhana Soudha: MLC

Mysuru, June 23 (MTY&DM)- Maintaining that several leaders from micro communities and marginalised sections of the society could enter the Vidhana Soudha as Legislators only because of former Chief Minister late D. Devaraj Urs, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah said that Urs had made a huge contribution for the growth of the State.

He was speaking after presenting 'Dhwani Kotta Dhani' Award to achievers at the 43rd D. Devaraj Urs commemoration programme organised under the aegis of Anveshana Seva Trust at the Institution of Engineers on JLB Road here recently.

Pointing out that the 20-point programme conceived by Devaraj Urs as the Chief Minister of Karnataka stands as a model to the entire country even today, he said that Urs should be credited for introducing a revolutionary initiative under which the actual tiller became the land holder *(Uluvavane Odeya)*, thus facilitating ownership of land to the landless. Urs was instrumental in waiving off farm loans and banning of manual scavenging decades ago, which were among his many historical decisions then, the MLC added.

Sandhya Suraksha Trust President B.R. Nataraja Jois, in his address, said that there is a 'Raja' (king) in the name of D. Devaraj Urs itself and accordingly, he ruled the State admirably. It was Urs who shaped the life of thousands of people like us, he added.

Karnataka Ursu Mahamandali Trust Vice-President Dr. M.G.R. Urs said that the Government has sanctioned half an acre of land for the construction of Ursu Bhavan at Ramakrishnanagar in city. He appealed MLC Dr. Thimmaiah to draw the attention of the Government for laying the foundation stone for the construction of the building and for the establishment of Ursu Development Corporation.

Retired BEML General Manager M. Mallaraje Urs, Press Photographer S. Udayshankar, Chamarajanagar KRIDL Executive Engineer Chikkalingaiah, Divyadeepa Charitable Trust founder M.R. Ananthakumar and Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Vice-President T. Thyagaraj were conferred with 'Dhwani Kotta Dhani' Award on the occasion.

Earlier, floral tributes were offered to the portrait of Devaraj Urs. Ursu Jagruthi Academy Charitable Trust Vice-President H.A. Venkatesh presided. Anveshana Seva Trust President Arya Amarnathraje Urs, HMT Lingaraje Urs and others were present.

Bengaluru Cartoonist's works in Turkey's international magazine

Enters India Book and Unique World Records

Mysuru, June 23- Noted Cartoonist B.V. Panduranga Rao from Bengaluru has achieved a remarkable feat with his 92 Cartoons, 14 '3D' drawings, his profile, his interview and his various achievements, being published in 77 issues of 'Fenamizah' monthly International humour magazine, from Turkey, which were published from April 2012 to April 2025.

This incredible achievement gets recognised by India Book of Records and Unique World Records and he has been presented with the Certificates and the Medals. His Record achievements will be published in the forthcoming Record Book.

The 81-year-old cartoonist is already accredited with 15 Limca Book of Records, 14 India Book of Records, 3 World Record India Records, URF Record and GIAA Genius Cartoonist of the Year award. He is the recipient of I CAN Foundation Humanitarian National Excellence Award and Pride of Bharat 24 Awards.

Participating in International Cartoon Contests for the past 30 years, Rao has won numerous Awards from various countries and his works selected for over 100 International Exhibitions, printed in more than 70 Cartoon Catalogues.

Rao is a retired Engineer from Bhilai Steel Plant and a Hobby Cartoonist for the past 57 years. He was born in Mysuru and studied in Chamundipuram Middle School and Hardwicke High School before continuing his studies in Bengaluru.

Life is built on folk songs:

Singer Dr. Malavalli Mahadevaswamy

Mysuru, June 23 (MTY&BS)- "Folk songs that once gave us bread to address hunger pangs has now got us a life," said noted folk singer Dr. Malavalli Mahadevaswamy.

He was addressing the gathering after rendering folk songs during 52nd Reorientation Camp organised by Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre at University of Mysore (UoM) recently.

"The lines of folk songs have transformed to film lyrics that calls for having a responsibility towards protecting the originality of folk songs," said Dr. Mahadevaswamy.

"Earlier, we had a penchant to sing folk songs albeit without any patronage; nowadays there is a patronage, but none has a voice to sing. There has been a sea change as the life undergoes changes, akin to what Lord Manteswamy had predicted about the transformation Kaliyuga shall bring," said Dr. Mahadevaswamy.

Like how one is hooked to the cellphone with his or her head down, one shall be hanging his head down throughout the life. But it is the books and the lesson taught by the teachers, which help us raise our head. The *dana* (donation) and *dharma* (courteous) are considered as saviours. One has to understand, after death nobody can take along whatever he has earned in his lifetime. Also, the directions of sun rise and sun set can never be changed. But it is we human beings who change at our will, he regretted.

Dr. Mahadevaswamy made a mention of lending his voice for a song titled *'Jeeva Hedari Banthu...'* in Vinod Prabhakar-starrer film 'Maadeva' and another for a song in Vinay Rajkumar-starrer film 'City Lights' being helmed by actor Duniya Vijay as a director.

The folk singer also bemoaned about how some of them raked in a moolah by uploading a folk song 'Anyayakari Brahma E Sundarana Nodabahude...' sung by him, on social media network.

UoM Prasaranga Director Dr. Nanjaiah Honganur, who was also the Camp Coordinator, Malaviya Mission Teachers Training Centre Director Prof. H.P. Jyothi, Asst. Prof. L. Nanjunda Swamy, Prof. R. Ramakrishna, Devanur Shankar couple and researcher H.S. Shankar were present.

N. Dhananjaya conferred 'Ranga Rathna' Award

Mysuru, June 23 (BLU&DM)- Senior theatre personality of the city N. Dhananjaya was conferred with the prestigious 'Ranga Rathna' Award at the 'Rathna Yendendigoo Rathna' (Rathna Forever Rathna) programme organised under the aegis of Na. Rathna Balaga at Ideal Jawa Rotary school premises on JLB Road here recently.

The award has been instituted in memory of late theatre personality Dr. N. Rathna, who was also the first Director of the city's All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH).

Speaking after receiving the award, Dhananjaya said that Na. Rathna has left behind an unerasable trail in the theatre and his name remains etched forever in the minds of theatre lovers. Pointing out that it was Rathna who brought him to Rangayana at a time when plays were overshadowed by the influence of TV serials and other entertainment programmes, he said he can never forget the great theatre personality's support to him throughout his career.

M. Satyanarayana Rao of city's Geetha Book House released Na. Rathna's book 'Kaiyalli Kailasam' while Premalatha Rathna released Na. Rathna's last play 'Ayaan Shanti Kuteeram' (Telugu translation) on the occasion.

Na. Rathna's daughter Kavita Rathna, Aparaajithe Prakashana's Meena Mysore, theatre personalities Prof. H.S. Umesh, Venkataraju, N.S. Anand, Srimathi, Prasad Kundur and others attended the event.

Winners of Saanvi's Golf Championship

Seen in the picture are** (sitting from left): **Saanvi Yashasvi, R.S. Nitish (Hon. Treasurer, JWGC), V.G. Achar (Hon. Secretary, JWGC), Yashasvi Shankar (Managing Director, Saanvi Technologies), Dr. Abraham Thomas (President, JWGC), M.S. Yeshwanth (Captain, JWGC), Savitha Yashasvi and Suresh Balaram; (standing from left): **Deepak Kavale, Sonam Chugh (Chairperson, Tournament Committee, JWGC), Akhil Muthanna, K.K. Nanda, Ramprasad Thoravi, V. Prakash, A.M. Naganna. D. Ashok, Dr. T.M. Prashanth, B.V. Sudhanva, K.K. Naveen, M.E. Yashwanth Kumar, T.N. Parthasarathi, T.N. Shashi Kumar, Sunil Kothari, Wg.Cdr. B.M. Dhananjay and S. Lokesh.

Mysuru, June 23 (VNS) - The 3rd Edition of Saanvi's Golf Championship - 2025 was held at JWGC in city recently. Team Mysore Falcons (263.5 points) emerged as the winners in the team event while Team Nirvana (256.5 points) ended up as runners. In the singles event, Ramprasad Thoravi (41 Stableford points) secured first place while Akhil Muthanna (41 Stableford points) was second. Meanwhile, the team of S. Lokesh and M.E. Yashwanth Kumar (39 Stableford points) won the doubles event and the team of Dr. R.V. Ramesh and Dr. Abraham Thomas (38 Stableford points) ended up in runner-up position.

NR Group wins Corporate Cricket Cup - 2025

Mysuru, June 23- City's NR Group has won the season of the Corporate Cricket Cup-2025 held at the Ashokapuram Railway Workshop Grounds here recently.

Forefront Healthcare Pvt. Ltd., emerged as runner-up of the tournament.

The event was organised by Mysuru Adventurous Sports and Social Club.

NCC cadets take up cleaning drive

Mysuru, June 23 - As part of an awareness programme on current environmental issues, the NCC cadets of Delhi Public School, Mysuru, under the aegis of 13 KAR BN NCC Mysuru, organised a lake cleaning drive under the theme "Ending Plastic Pollution Globally" to commemorate World Environment Day celebrations under the initiative "Punit Sagar Abhiyan."

A total of 45 cadets actively participated. They collected about 600 kgs of plastic and other waste materials. The drive was led by Third Officer M. Mamatha Prasad, ANO, DPS Mysuru along with the PI Staff of 13 KAR BN NCC Mysuru and the school's yoga teacher. The activity concluded with a powerful message: "Together, we can make our Earth a better place to live."

Making a Mark in Surfing

Coorg Public School Principal Dr. M. Ramachandran honouring Surfer Aadya R.A. Singh with a memento.

Gonikoppa, June 23 - Aadya R.A. Singh, a student of Coorg Public School, Gonikoppa, Kodagu, is carving a name for herself in the growing sport of surfing in India. She is training under the guidance of the Surfing Swami Foundation, a non-profit organisation dedicated to developing ocean-based sports across the country.

Her training is based at Mantra Surf Club in Mangaluru, India's first surf club and a hub for budding surfers.

Aadya has taken part in the Indian Open Surfing (2024), Mangaluru and had reached the semifinals in the Under-16 Girls category. Even in summer vacation, Aadya was found gliding across the waves participating in the International Surfing Festival in Varkala, Kerala in April 2025 and competed in the Open Women's Division.

In May 2025, Aadya was a part of the Tipi Jabrik's Grom Patrol India, Mangaluru where she bagged second position in both Under-16 and Under-18 Girls category.

She has now reached the Semifinals in Open Women's Division after winning second place in Under-16 Category at the Indian Open Surfing - Mangaluru Region.

WORD OF THE DAY

Emancipation

Pronunciation: ih-man-suh-PAY-shun (noun).
Meaning: Emancipation refers to the act of freeing someone from the restraint, control, or power of another. It is used especially for the act of freeing someone from slavery.
Origin: To emancipate someone (including oneself) is to free them from restraint, control, or the power of another and especially to free them from bondage or enslavement. It follows that the noun emancipation refers to act or practice of emancipating. The Emancipation Proclamation issued by Abraham Lincoln on Jan. 1, 1863, for example, ordered that enslaved people living in Confederate states be released from the bonds of ownership and made free people. It took more than two years for news of the proclamation to reach the enslaved communities in distant state of Texas. The arrival of the news on June 19 (of 1865) is now celebrated as a national holiday — Juneteenth or Emancipation Day.
Example: "Rappahannock County's calming beauty and rolling hills hold stories from Civil War era waiting to be told. Howard Lambert, a Culpeper native and first African American president of Brandy Station Foundation, has worked tirelessly to bring these stories to life, especially those of Black Civil War soldiers. ...He also has a personal connection to the Civil War. His great-great-uncle, Fielding Turner, served in 20th US Colored Troops (USCT) Infantry Regiment, fighting in pivotal battles and helping to announce emancipation in Texas now commemorated as Juneteenth." — Ayana SummerlinRosa, The Culpeper (Virginia) Star-Exponent, 11 Mar. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Engastrimyth
Ventriloquist.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Hit the Ground Running

Meaning: 'Hit the Ground Running' means to immediately start an activity and work very hard and with full commitment.
Origin: The usage of the phrase is associated with invasion of Normandy (also known as 'D-Day') in World War 2. It was used to describe Nazi troops hitting the ground and running for cover after Allied ships invaded the shores. However, the first recorded use of the phrase was in the story 'King of the Liars', which was published in several newspapers in 1895: "I knew I had five more cartridges, so I hit the ground running and squatted low down..."
Example: "As soon as the CEO approval of the new product came through, the entire office hit the ground running."

QUOTE BOX

No one comes from the earth like grass. We come like trees. We all have roots. **—Maya Angelou**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

HARM good

Answer: More harm than good.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Inits. on a Soyuz rocket
5 Sonnet or verse
9 Unrefined in character
12 Greyish white; grey with age?
13 Crippled or maimed
14 A sleeveless garment worn by Arabs
15 ___ ___ need : my minimal requirements, in a way? (3,1)
16 Capital of Paraguay
18 Oak-tree fruit
20 Cut finely
21 Harden by habituation
22 ____ chi: Chinese exercises
23 Air Data Tester, abbr.
24 Differ or change
27 Lawsuit
31 Satisfied or fulfilled, as in, "___ the conditons"?
32 Commence
34 Austrian river - "rum" anagram?
35 Small nail
37 You in old English
38 Rsrv. Bk. of India
39 Actress Gardner
41 A slang for anything worthless or nonsense?
43 Madrid's famous art gallery
46 Ecuador's capital
47 Hawaiian capital
50 City on the Oka - "lore" anagram?
52 Suffix with social or tour
53 Festive occasion
54 Ms. Novotna of tennis
55 Martial arts great Bruce ___
56 Battle group
57 Dutch football club AFC ___

DOWN
1 Tea
2 Strainer
3 Kolkata's old name
4 Head of a monastery
5 Scheme of procedure
6 1948 pact
7 Large bird
8 High-IQ society
9 Den
10 A woodwind
11 Fairy's magical stick
17 Fashionably elegant
19 ___ up : increases in strength or accelerates sharply?
21 Metrical foot
22 Novice
25 Indian wheaten flour
26 Cheer
28 Ex-Indian tennis pro Vijay ___
29 Summons to appear in court
30 Canal or Lake
33 Ballet skirt
36 Plinth of column; cube of pedestal
40 Famous Russian river
42 A Spanish wine
43 Pop star ___ Collins
44 Ascended
45 Gaming stake
46 Wharf
48 Former Mideast org.
49 Atty.'s degree
51 Slack or loose

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	S	H	A		S	N	A	G		P	E	T
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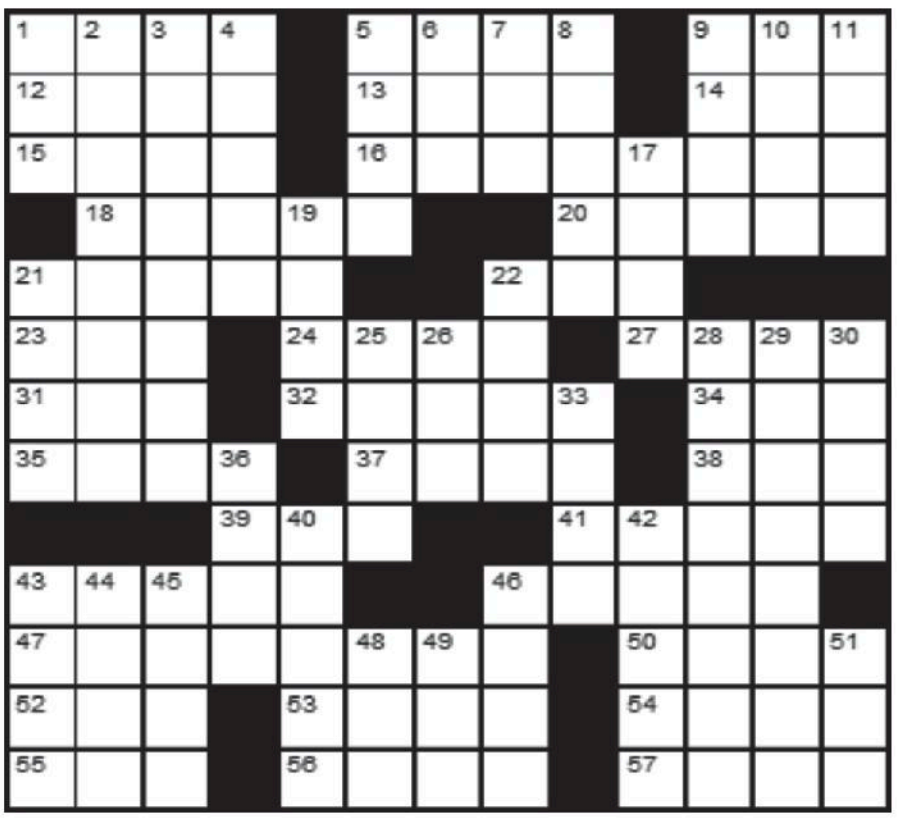

SUDOKU

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	3		4			1		
5		9				2		
8				2				3
		4				6		5
		7			8		2	
	9		3		7			
				1		9		

Answer to previous puzzle

6	7	2	1	8	3	4	5	9
1	9	4	6	2	5	7	8	3
3	8	5	7	9	4	2	1	6
4	1	6	8	5	2	9	3	7
2	3	8	9	6	7	1	4	5
9	5	7	4	3	1	6	2	8
5	2	9	3	4	6	8	7	1
7	6	3	2	1	8	5	9	4
8	4	1	5	7	9	3	6	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HX HE NQXXQG XI EFZ, "H PID'X YDIS,"

XAFD XI KHQ FNIWX HX.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS N

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If everybody remembered the past, nobody would ever forgive anybody.

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Maadeva (K) - 4 Shows

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Kuberaa (H) - *3 Shows*

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28 Years Later (E)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 7.55 pm; (S-3) 4.30 pm
DNA (Ta)	(S-1)	1.10 pm
Kuberaa (Te)	(S-1)	4.05 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 6.25 pm, 10.15 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	(S-4)	2.20 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	(S-1)	10.25 pm; (S-2) 4 pm, 7.10 pm
Elio (E-3D)	(S-2)	11.30 am, 1.45 pm
United Kingdom of Kerala (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Maadeva (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 7.10 pm
Maatonda Heluve (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Vyasanasametham Bandhumithra (Ma)	(S-3)	10 pm

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Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	10.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.35, 6.40, 9.45 pm
Kuberaa (Te)	:	10.30 am, 1.25 pm, 7.45 pm
Kuberaa (K)	:	4.45 pm, 8.30 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	:	9.35 pm
Edagaiye Apaghatakke Karana (K)	:	11 am
Maadeva (K)	:	1.20 pm, 6.55 pm
Kalave Mosagara (K)	:	2.10 pm
Maatonda Heluve (K)	:	4 pm
8 Vasantalu (Te)	:	5.05 pm

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Kuberaa (Te)	:	9.20 am, 1 pm, 6.20 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	:	3.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Elio (E-3D)	:	10 am, 2.55 pm, 8 pm
28 Years Later (E)	:	10.05 am, 12.20 pm, 7.25 pm
8 Vasantalu (Te)	:	11.40 am
Maatonda Heluve (K)	:	11.55 am
Materialists (E)	:	12.40 pm
Housefull 5 (H)	:	3 pm
From The World of John Wick: Ballerina (E)	:	4.40 pm
How To Train Your Dragon (E-3D)	:	5.15 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	6.55 pm
United Kingdom of Kerala (Ma)	:	9.45 pm
DNA (Ta)	:	10 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 88009 00009

Kuberaa (Te)	:	9.40 am, 4.15 pm, 10.15 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	:	9.45 am, 12.35 pm, 6.50 pm
28 Years Later (E)	:	10 am, 4.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Elio (E-3D)	:	10 am, 7.55 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	12.20 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.10 pm 7 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	1.15 pm
How To Train Your Dragon (E-3D)	:	1.30 pm
Deadly Lover (K)	:	4 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40, 6.10 pm 7 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Elio (E-3D)	:	9.30 am
Elio (E-2D)	:	2.20 pm, 8.15 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	:	10.40 am, 4.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Kuberaa (Te)	:	11.45 am, 6.30 pm
Kuberaa (K)	:	2.50 pm
Maatonda Heluve (K)	:	11.40 am
How To Train Your Dragon (E-3D)	:	3.25 pm
Vyasana Sametham Bandhu Mithradhikal (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

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Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.50 pm 7.10 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
Elio (E-2D)	:	9.40 am
Elio (E-3D)	:	2 pm, 7.55 pm
Kuberaa (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 6.20 pm
Kuberaa (Te)	:	11.20 am, 4.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Black Sheep (K)	:	11.55 am
Maadeva (K)	:	2.35 pm
Deadly Lover (K)	:	5.25 pm
Ronth (Ma)	:	7.40 pm
United Kingdom of Kerala (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav-2025 begins at JSS Mysore Urban Haat

Dr. Sanjay Joshi, Executive Director, Indext-C, Gujarat, who inaugurated Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav-2025 at JSS Mysore Urban Haat in Hebbal on June 20, is seen with S. Vinoth Kumar, Assistant Director, Handicrafts Service Centre (HSC), Ministry of Textiles, Mysuru, Dr. Snehal Makwana, Manager (Marketing), Indext-C, Gujarat, M. Shivananjaswamy, Project Officer, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Sabira, Handicrafts Promotion Officer, HSC, Ministry of Textiles, Mysuru and A. Rakesh Rai, Coordinator, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Mysuru. The expo will be open from 10 am to 9 pm till June 29. Entry is free.

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 23)

Industrial Extension Cottage (Indext-C), Government of Gujarat: Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**

Maharatna Trust, Mysuru: World Music and Yoga Day celebrations, Sri Patanjali Yoga Shikshana Samsthe City Committee President K.S. Gopalakrishna inaugurates, Maharatna Trust Hon. President C.V. Parthasarathy presides, Basava Samiti, near Kodava Samaja, Vijayanagar, **4 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 24)

Industrial Extension Cottage (Indext-C), Government of Gujarat: Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Kannada Book Authority, Bengaluru and Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA), Mysuru: Free book distribution to schools and colleges and distribution of eligibility letter to Granthalaya Jagruta Samiti Members, littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) inaugurates, MDJA President K. Deepak distributes books, Kannada Book Authority Administrative Officer (in-Charge) N. Kariyappa distributes letters, MDJA Gen. Secretary Dharmapura Narayan will be present, Kannada Book Authority Chairman Dr. Manasa presides, Pathrakartara Bhavan, Tyagaraja Road, **10.30 am.**

Pavana Melodies: Karaoke Music Programme, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **4 pm to 9.30 pm.**

Workshop at NIE

Mysuru, June 23- The Department of Civil Engineering, National Institute of Engineering (NIE), in association with Ambuja Cement, Adani Cement and ACC, has organised a one-day workshop 'Neev Abhiyan' at its CRC Seminar Hall on June 26 from 10 am to 4.30 pm.

Er. Hitesh Prasad, Regional Technical Service Manager, Adani Cements, Karnataka & Goa, will be the Resource Person.

NIE President Dr. M.S. Ranganath is the chief patron. NIE Hon. Secretary S.B. Udayshankar, Principal Dr. Rohini Nagapadma, Vice-Principal Dr. K.C. Manjunath and Head of the Department Dr. N.C. Balaji are the patrons. Asst. Professor H. Hema and Associate Professor Dr. Punith B. Kotagi are the conveners. [Ph: 0821-4004903]

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